**Minnesota Parent and Student Opt-Out Notice**

Please take notice that pursuant to applicable federal and state law, including Minnesota Statute § 120B.20 and other relevant state statutes, as well as the First Amendment's Free Exercise Clause as affirmed in *Mahmoud v. Taylor* (2025) and *Pierce v. Society of Sisters* (1925), my child is to be excused and exempted for the current school year from the following school instruction, programs, and/or activities. This opt-out applies to all checked boxes below:

**INSTRUCTIONAL CONTENT EXEMPTIONS**

☐ **Sex and HIV/AIDS Education** -- Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 120B.20, this serves as notice that my child is to be exempted from participation in sex and HIV/AIDS instruction.

☐ **LGBTQ+ Content and Materials** -- Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 120B.20, and as further supported by the First Amendment's Free Exercise Clause as affirmed in *Mahmoud v. Taylor* and *Pierce v. Society of Sisters*, my child is to be exempted from reading lessons, instruction, activities, and exposure to materials that include LGBTQ+ themes, characters, or content that conflicts with our family's religious beliefs and values.

☐ **Gender Identity and Expression Instruction** – Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 120B.20, my child is to be exempted from instruction, discussions, or activities related to gender identity, gender expression, or transgender topics that conflict with our religious beliefs.

☐ **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Programming** -- Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 120B.20, my child is to be exempted from mandatory participation in DEI programs, workshops, or activities that promote ideological viewpoints contrary to our religious convictions.

☐ **Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) Components** -- Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 120B.20, my child is to be exempted from SEL curriculum components that address topics conflicting with our religious beliefs, including but not limited to identity formation, family structures, and values clarification exercises.

☐ **Other Instructional Content** -- Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 120B.20, I object to the following specific instructional materials or content in any subject area that conflicts with our religious belief:

**PRIVACY AND SURVEY EXEMPTIONS**

☐ **Private Information Surveys** -- Pursuant to 20 U.S.C. § 1232(h), absent my written consent, none of the following may be undertaken regarding my child. The administration of any survey, analysis or evaluation that reveals: (1) political affiliations or beliefs of my child or me, (2) mental or psychological problems of my child or his or her family, (3) sexual behavior or attitudes, (4) illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior, (5) critical appraisals of other individuals with whom respondents have close family relationships, (6) legally recognized privileged or analogous relationships, such as those of lawyers, physicians, and ministers, (7) religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of my child or me, or (8) income (other than required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such program).

**HEALTH AND MEDICAL EXEMPTIONS**

☐ **Immunization** -- Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 121A.15, please take notice that I am exercising the right to a religious exemption to vaccination. Attached please find my notarized statement of objection to vaccination based upon my conscientiously held beliefs. (*Attach notarized statement signed by parent to this form*).

**RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION STATEMENT**

I hereby declare that the above-checked exemptions are based on my sincere religious beliefs and/or conscientiously held moral convictions. The Supreme Court in *Mahmoud v. Taylor* has reaffirmed that parents cannot be compelled to have their children exposed to material that violates their religious beliefs, and that schools cannot pursue "ideological conformity" through mandatory participation in programs that conflict with families' religious exercise.

Alternative educational activities should be provided for my child during the exempted instruction periods. I understand that my child will not be penalized academically for these exemptions.

Keep this signed, written notice on file in my child's cumulative folder. This notice supersedes all prior opt-out notices and remains in effect for the current school year.

Child’s Name Grade Level Date

Parent/Guardian’s Name(s)

Parent/Guardian’s Signature(s)

Parent/Guardian’s Address

Daytime/Evening Phone Number(s)

School Name School District

**FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY**:

Received By (Print Name): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Received By (Signature): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date Received:

**Instructions and Information on Using the Minnesota
Parent and Student Opt-Out Notice**

**What to Do**

**THE OPT-OUT NOTICE MUST BE SUBMITTED EVERY YEAR**

Note: These instructions are designed to assist you as a parent in completing the foregoing notice. These instructions should not be given to the school.

1. Make copies and share this Minnesota Parent and Student Opt-Out Notice with other parents.
2. This notice allows you to check each box that applies to your concerns. You can check all of the boxes, only one box, or a few boxes, depending on your particular beliefs.
3. Make two copies of the completed notice. Then, sign and date each copy in ink.
4. Send the Opt-Out Notice to the school Principal by Certified Mail, e-mail, fax, or any other method whereby delivery can be confirmed. You do not need nor are you asking for “agreement” or “authorization.” You only need proof that you delivered the Opt-Out Notice to the school.
5. Keep one copy (with the proof of receipt) for your family and ask that the school keep a copy in your child’s school records (the cumulative file). Keep a signed copy for yourself.
6. Educate your children to report to you attempts to compel them to participate in classes or activities for which you have requested them to be opted-out.
7. Resubmit a copy of this Opt-Out Notice for each child when you enroll them for the next school year.